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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of January 5, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 5, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections based upon the following response.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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